

November 15, 2004

Honorable William J. McCoy
Speaker of the House
Mississippi House of Representatives
Room 306, New Capitol Building
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Honorable Amy Tuck
Lieutenant Governor
Room 316, New Capitol Building
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Dear Speaker McCoy and Lt. Governor Tuck:

Section 27-103-139, Mississippi Code of 1972, requires the Governor to submit a balanced budget for the succeeding Fiscal Year on November 15. This statute also requires the General Fund revenue estimate used in the Executive Budget Request to be the estimate jointly adopted by the Governor and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

As you know, the meeting that was originally scheduled for November 10, 2004, for the Governor and Joint Legislative Budget Committee to adopt a General Fund revenue estimate was cancelled, and, as a result, there has been no revenue estimate adopted.

In light of this, my budget for Fiscal Year 2006 cannot be submitted today.

Sincerely,

Haley Barbour

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